

Forest management continues to emphasize designing timber sales/treatments to address forest health problems of overstocking. Thinning from below is used to reduce competition with large or old-growth overstory trees, as well as to restore a more natural species composition and multi-age structure.

Approximately 2,560 acres of commercial forestlands were treated under timber sales in FY96 and about 545 acres are planned for treatment in FY97, either by partial cut or salvage (Tables 4 and 7). These activities are summarized in the following section. In addition, miscellaneous special forest products such as firewood, mushrooms, posts, rails, and Christmas trees continue to be sold in response to public demand. For further information, contact Mel Crockett at 541-885-4115.

## **FY96 TIMBER SALE ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- The Klamath Falls Resource Area sold approximately 7,000 MBF of timber from almost 2,500 acres in FY96 (Table 4). The total sale price of this timber was nearly \$1.6 million. Although both Too Frosty and West Rome Timber Sales have similar volumes (2,476 and 3,000, respectively), Too Frosty encompasses 459 acres and West Rome (a salvage sale) is from 2,000 acres.

**Table 4. Timber Volume sold in FY-1996 in Klamath Falls Resource Area.**

Name	Acres	Volume (MBF)	Value
Too Frosty	459	2,476	\$635,461
West Rome	2,000	3,000	\$721,910
Modifications	n/a	1,690	\$290,336
Buyback (Pine)	n/a	(160)	(\$61,969)
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,459</b>	<b>7,006</b>	<b>\$1,585,738</b>

- During FY96, harvesting occurred on nine sales encompassing 3,663 acres (Table 5). These sales harvested 22,217 MBF of timber valued at over \$5 million. This level of harvest is above the normal level of the Klamath Falls Resource Area's resource management plan due to the backlog of unharvested sales, sales required under the Recision Act, and the computerized reporting of most of the Eastside Salvage Timber Sale in FY96 instead of FY95 when it was actually harvested.
- Shady and Camp Timber Sales, the two required recision sales, comprised the bulk of the acreage and volume. Their combined volume was 15,464 MBF, which was almost 70 percent of the total volume for the resource area.